

FUCHSIAS

Fuchsias may be pruned this month. Like roses, they bloom only on new wood, so prune them heavily to insure a high proportion of new wood on each plant.



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RETAIL SALES HIKE . . .

Chamber of Commerce Shows Gains in Torrance Business, Industry

City of Torrance confines to make rapid progress in the field of retail sales, according to figures obtained from the State Board of Equalization by the statistical department of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Taxable retail sales reached \$30,771,000 for the third quarter of 1960, which is an increase of \$6,690,000 over a similar period in 1959 and \$9,459,000 over a similar period in 1958. This outstanding increase ranks Torrance eighth in Los Angeles County, an increase of two positions over last quarter,

and twenty-fourth statewide.

Cities passed by Torrance's retail "surge" include: Alhambra, \$27,282,000; Compton, \$28,373,000; Culver City, \$23,418,000; Downey, \$27,634,000; Pasadena, \$11,983,000; Hawthorne, \$13,004,000; Manhattan Beach, \$4,907,000; and Redondo Beach, \$16,421,000.

35.4% RISE Population - wise, Torrance, whose 1960 population of 100,991 was 35.4 per cent higher than its 1950 population of 22,241, is the largest and fastest growing city in the South

Bay area, and rated 127th in the nation and thirteenth in the state. According to a release by the Regional Planning Commission, Torrance's population was estimated at 105,551 on Jan. 1, 1961.

Commission also pointed out that in April, 1950, there were 7200 dwelling units in the city limits, and that figure had soared to a total of 29,822 by January, 1961.

According to the Greater Los Angeles Review of Business and Economic Conditions, Torrance also leads the South Bay area in the industrial and commercial field. Continually adding new industries to its present roster of more than 250 manufacturing firms, 23 firms employing 9770 people moved into the city during 1959. Two large shopping centers opened here. The Del Amo Shopping Center, built at a cost of \$40,000,000, opened in 1959 and is one of the largest in the country. Pacific Plaza shopping center, which cost \$3,500,000, also opened in 1959.

number of dwelling units certainly exemplifies the fact that Torrance is the "City of Industrial Opportunity."

\$42 BILLION

Over \$42 billion is in the various funds of AFL-CIO unions. Some of it—about \$2 billion—is in strike funds, general funds and the like. And \$40 billion is in welfare funds—an amount about double the reserve fund of the national social security system.

Use Press classified ads to buy, rent or sell. Phone DA 5-1515.

ILLEGAL PASSING

Illegal passing is among the most dangerous of traffic violations, says the Automobile Club of Southern California. Never pass on hills, curves, at intersections, and when ever solid double line is painted on highway. It is important to remember, however, that the absence of a double line does not automatically give you the right to pass. If there's any doubt about your ability to pass safely, stay in your own lane.

LEGAL NOTICES

COUNTY IMPROVEMENT NO. 2136-M. NOTICE INVITING BIDS. Notice is hereby given to the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles hereby invites sealed proposals or bids for the construction of sanitary sewers and trench and street resurfacing in County Improvement No. 2136-M, hereinafter referred to as "the project." Said proposals or bids, will be received by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, at the County Engineer's Office, at the County Engineer's Office, 108 West 2nd Street, Los Angeles 12, California, until 9:00 o'clock a.m., on the 17th day of February, 1961, and will be opened, examined and declared by the County Engineer, at the same place, at the same time, at the Hearing Room, Room 100 in said Los Angeles County Engineering Building. Proposals must be submitted on the blank forms prepared and furnished for the purpose by the County Engineer, and the same shall be returned in good condition to said Room 100, Los Angeles County Engineering Building within fourteen days after opening of bids. Plans and Specifications are available for inspection only and may be ordered at the following County Engineer's Regional Offices:

Los Cerritos Regional Office 9957 East Flower Street Bellflower, California. San Dimas Regional Office 201 East Bonita Avenue San Dimas, California. San Gabriel Valley Regional Office 2008 North Knottman Avenue Temple City, California. Palms Verde-Centennial Valley Regional Office 1821 West Lomita Boulevard Lomita, California.

Each submitted proposal must be accompanied by a certified check or by an acceptable bond payable to the order of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles in an amount equivalent to the lesser of ten (10) per cent of the total aggregate amount of the bid, as a guarantee that the bidder, will, within fifteen (15) days after written notice that the contract has been awarded to him enter into and execute the awarded contract, and furnish the required bonds in connection therewith; in accordance with the terms of the aforementioned specifications.

The Board of Supervisors reserve the right to reject any or all bids, and to waive technical errors and discrepancies, if to do so seems to best serve the interest of the County.

PREVAILING WAGE SCALE:

Pursuant to the provisions of the Labor Code of the State of California, the County Board of Supervisors has ascertained the prevailing rate of per diem wages in dollars, based on a working day of eight hours, for each craft or type of workman or mechanic needed to execute the proposed contract, and will require that not less than said rates be paid to all such workmen or mechanics employed or engaged on the work. The Contractor shall, as a penalty to the State or political subdivision on whose behalf the contract is made or awarded, forfeit ten dollars for each calendar day, or portion thereof, for each workman paid less than the stipulated prevailing rates for any public work done under the contract by him or by any subcontractor under him, and the body awarding the contract shall cause to be inserted in the contract a stipulation to this effect. Provided that overtime rates, rates of pay for Saturdays, Sundays and holidays shall apply to those holidays as recognized in the collective bargaining agreement applicable to the particular craft, classification or type of workman employed on the project. Provided that notwithstanding the general provision contained herein, Guards and Watchmen shall be paid one and one-half times the prevailing rate for overtime (overtime shall be time worked in excess of eight hours per day or forty hours per week), and the straight prevailing rate for time worked on Saturdays, Sundays and where such time does not constitute overtime.

The rates of pay for each of the various classifications of work shall be the hereinafter set forth prevailing rates of hourly wages plus the hourly equivalent of any employer payment for health and welfare, pension, vacation and similar benefits multiplied by eight. Eight hours shall constitute a days work; it being understood that in the event that workmen are employed less than eight hours per day, the rate of per diem wages shall be deemed to be that fraction of the prevailing rates herein established that the number of hours of employment bears to eight hours.

FOREMEN—All foremen not herein separately classified shall be paid not less than 25 cents more than the hourly equivalent of the classification of the highest classification in which he has supervision in the six Basic Trades.

RIGGERS—Same wage scale as craft to which rigging is incidental.

WELDERS—Same wage scale as craft to which welding is incidental.

APPRENTICES—May be employed in conformity with Section 1777.5 of the California Labor Code.

TITLE OF POSITION HOURLY RATE

BRICKLAYERS: Bricklayer and Stone Mason \$4.20 Health & Welfare—22¢ per hour 3.32

BRICKTENDER: Bricktender 3.20 Health & Welfare—10¢ per hour 2.30

CARPENTERS: Carpenter \$3.25 Health & Welfare—10¢ per hour 2.35

CEMENT MASONS: Cement Mason 3.85 Health & Welfare—10¢ per hour 2.95

LABORERS: Foreman Differential: Not less than 30 cents per hour more than the hourly wage rate of the highest classification over which he has leadership. 5.08

Operator of pneumatic and electric tools, vibrating machines and similar mechanical tools not separately classified herein. 3.29

Flagman 3.08

Cribber or shorer 3.29

Asphalt raker 3.29

Laying of all non-metallic pipe including sewer pipe, drain pipe and underground tile. 3.39

Making and caulking of all non-metallic pipe joints 3.27

Tarman and mortarman 3.18

All above classifications of Laborers will receive an increase of 18 cents per hour effective 5/1/61. 2.60

Watchman 2.60

OPERATING ENGINEERS: Engineer-Order and Signalmen 3.33

Air compressor, pump or generator operator 3.32

Screed operator 3.27

Concrete mixer operator (any type or size) 3.27

Heavy duty repairman 4.11

Heavy duty repairman's helper 3.21

Motor patrol operator (any type or size) 3.21

Hydra-hammer or similar type equipment 3.81

Pavement breaker operator 4.37

Generator, pump or compressor operator 3.32

Roller Operator 3.82

Tractor operator—boom attachments 4.21

Trenching machine operator (up to 2-foot depth capacity, manufacturer's rating) 3.92

Trenching machine operator (over 2-foot depth capacity, manufacturer's rating) 4.21

Universal equipment operator (shovel, back hoe, dragline, derrick, derrick barge, clamshell, crane, pile driver and mucking machine) 4.21

Concrete or asphalt spreading, mechanical tamping or finishing machine operator (all types and sizes) 4.11

A-Frame or winch truck operator 3.81

Power concrete saw operator 3.81

Skiploader—wheel type—2 1/2 ton, Ford, Jeep or similar type 3/4 yard or less (Without dragtype attachments) 3.57

Skiploader—Wheel type over 2 yards 4.21

Road oil mixing machine operator 4.11

Concrete mobile mixer operator 4.21

Power sweeper operator 3.92

Tractor loader operator (Crawler type all types and sizes) 4.21

Concrete mixer operator—growing 4.21

Tractor operator—dragtype shovel, bulldozer, tamper, scraper and push tractor 4.11

All above classifications of Operating Engineers will receive an increase of 20 cents per hour effective 6/6/61. 3.42

Note: All classifications employed in a tunnel will receive 50 cents per hour premium pay additional to the regular rate of pay.

Health & Welfare—15¢ per hour 3.27

Pension Fund—5¢ per hour 3.22

Pension Fund—effective 6/1/61—10¢ per hour 3.32

PIPE TRADES: Health & Welfare—4% of gross payroll 3.48

Vacation & Holidays—7 1/2% of gross payroll 3.88

Plumber 3.88

TEAMSTERS: Health & Welfare—10¢ per hour 3.76

Driver of truck, legal payload capacity: Less than 6 tons 3.39

6 tons to 10 tons 3.44

10 tons to 15 tons 3.49

15 tons to 20 tons 3.54

20 tons or more 3.74

Driver of road oil spreader trucks 3.54

Water truck driver 2500 to 4000 gals. 3.45

Water truck driver 4000 gals. and over 3.65

Winch truck driver 12 1/2 cents per hour additional when operating power winch or similar special attachments 3.65

Truck greaser and tireman 3.25

Warehouseman and stevedore 3.25

Warehouseman-Clerk 3.42

All above classifications of Truck Drivers will receive an increase of 21 cents per hour effective 6/1/61. 3.42

The necessity for the use of an employee as a Signalmen shall be determined by the Contractor. When used, he shall be an Engineer-Order and Signalmen as they may prefer as to the actual conditions and requirements of the work, and shall not at any time after submission of the bid dispute, complain, or assert that there was any misunderstanding in regard to the nature or amount of work to be done. (SEAL)

GORDON T. NESVIG, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors. Torrance Press, Thursday, February 9, 1961.

February 14

...a time for decision

...education vs. taxes

The technological advances of the past few years and the increasing complexity of our society have placed a greater emphasis than ever before upon learning and the use of knowledge. Children raised in Torrance eventually will be competing in business, industry, science, education and in other fields with their contemporaries, many of whom received their elementary and high school education in other school districts. The caliber of education our youth receive in Torrance schools will have a direct effect upon their success as adults.

The taxpayers of Torrance have done a notable job in providing a sound school system for the youth of this area, a job that was accomplished in the face of a rapid and tremendous population expansion. In 1947, four schools in Torrance accommodated the area's 2,000 pupils. By 1960, thirty-three schools were required for the district's 26,000 students. Since the unification election in 1948, the voters of Torrance have gone to the polls eight times and approved, by large majorities, \$25 million in bonds and a state loan of \$14 million for school construction and an increase of 75 cents in the maximum legal school district tax for operating expenses. The industrial community of Torrance, which pays more than 50 percent of the school taxes, vigorously has supported the growth of the Torrance school system and the high caliber of education that has been established.

In addition to expanding the school district in a sound and orderly manner, the Board of Education also has distinguished itself by establishing and maintaining an educational program of high caliber.

Some of the honors accorded Torrance schools:

University of California fully accredits Torrance high schools and awards certificate of merit for excellent achievement of its graduates.

American School Board Association selected Torrance schools as one of eight systems in the nation for excellent evaluation procedures.

American Association of School Administrators awarded citation of excellence to Torrance for its West High School plans.

The multigrade system in Torrance schools has received national recognition.

Torrance-Lomita Realty Board credits excellent Torrance schools for attracting new homeowners with families to Torrance.

Los Angeles Times selected Torrance as one of three school districts for comparative tests of American and Russian education.

Torrance Chamber of Commerce recognizes the high quality of Torrance schools as an attraction to new industry.

The Torrance Unified School District has an enviable record of economical operation. The operating costs of Torrance schools per average daily attendance consistently have been less than the average costs in other unified school districts in Los Angeles County. For the 1959-60 school year, the county average cost per pupil was \$424.18. The cost in Torrance was \$362.39.

Over the past six years, the cumulative saving in cost of operation by Torrance schools in comparison with other

districts in Los Angeles County has amounted to more than \$7 million. In comparison with 30 other districts in California, which educate nearly 50 percent of the state's school population, Torrance consistently has ranked 29th or 30th in expense of education per average daily attendance.

Because of the increased costs of a continually expanding school population, the district's budget for 1961-62 has been estimated at \$12,685,000. Income is estimated at \$11,420,000, leaving a deficit of \$1,265,000 which will have to be raised to maintain the district's education standards at their present level. Estimated income for 1961-62 will be derived from the state — \$5,127,000; from the Federal Government — \$13,000; from local taxes at the present tax rate — \$6,280,000.

Among the principal items of increased costs for the 1961-62 school year are:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Estimated Cost. 1,800 new students \$ 360,000. Additional expense of 900 new high school students 100,000. A reduction in Federal Funds 250,000. Replenish reserves used during 1960-61 270,000. To maintain present salary schedule 290,000. Total \$1,270,000.

According to Dr. J. H. Hull, Superintendent of Schools, reduction in the school budget would be possible only by increasing the number of pupils per classroom. He has estimated he would have to recommend 40 pupils per class which would be nine pupils above the state average if the needed additional revenue is not available.

Allocation of Current Torrance Unified School District taxes per \$100 of assessed valuation

Table with 2 columns: Category, Amount. Operating expenses for elementary and high schools \$2.40. Employees retirement only .17. Social Security only .02. Community Service only .10. Bond interest and bond retirement only .94. Total Torrance Unified School District \$3.63. El Camino College .57. Total School Tax \$4.20.

The 50 cents override tax which will be voted upon February 14 would raise the maximum voted legal tax to \$2.90 for three years and would be used only for operating expenses of Torrance elementary and high schools.

This advertisement is being published as a community service by Mobil Oil Company on behalf of many of its employees who are taxpayers and parents of children attending Torrance schools.

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